

## Proclamation

- WHEREAS,** Menopause, in the year 2005, affected 50 million American women and has already affected millions more, according to the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG); and
- WHEREAS,** “the result will be a national health concern of dramatic proportions, unless women are better educated about the changes of menopause and the measures that can prolong and enhance their lives”; and
- WHEREAS,** if not properly treated by a trained physician or nurse practitioner, the health risks of pre-menopause and post menopausal women can result in an increased number afflicted by osteoporosis and cardiovascular disease; and
- WHEREAS,** estrogen depletion, which occurs in menopause, results in an increase in cardiovascular disease and osteoporosis, resulting in over 530,000 deaths of women per year; these numbers could reach staggering proportions with the aging of the Baby Boom generation; and
- WHEREAS,** Menopause Awareness Month serves to remind us of the necessity of regular menopause education and awareness for women throughout the state.
- NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Kathleen Babineaux Blanco, Governor of the State of Louisiana, do hereby proclaim the month of September 2006, as

### MENOPAUSE AWARENESS MONTH

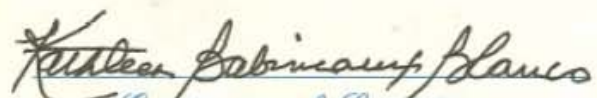
in the State of Louisiana.



Attest By  
The Governor

  
Secretary of State

*In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set  
my hand officially and caused to be affixed the  
Great Seal of the State of Louisiana, at the  
Capitol, in the City of Baton Rouge, on this  
the 11th day of September  
A.D., 2006*

  
Governor of Louisiana